Survey for coal by the Geological Survey of India

1929. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has recently conducted any survey for the availability of coal in the coalfields of Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the States where such survey has been conducted alongwith the details of the findings in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIF): (a) and (b) As a result of investigation conducted by the Geological Survey of India during the period October, 1986 to September, 1987 addtional reserves of 1060.16 m. tonnes of coal has been estimated in differenent coalfields of Bihar. The break-up is as follows:

South Karanpura	202.00 m.t.
East Bokaro	179.87 m.t.
Jharia	4 49 m.t.
Brahmani	673.80 m.t.

(c) Regional exploration conducted by GSI during the period October, 1986, September, 1987 has revealed an estimated additional reserve of 3249.82 m. tonnes of coal in other States. The break-up is as follows:

Andhra Pradesh

Godavari Coalfield . .	169 46 m.t.

Madhya Pradesh

Korba Coalfields . .	371 28 m.t.
Hasdo-Arand Coalfield .	183 90 m.t.
Ramkela – Tatapani Coalfields . . .	88 80 m.t.
Sohagpur Coalfields .	168 48 m.t.
Raigarh Coalfields . .	370 00 m.t.

Orissa

Talcher Coalfield . .	563.69 m.t.
Ib River Coalfields . .	240.00 m.t.

West Bengal

Raniganj Coalfields . .	17.89 m.t.
Trans-Ajoy Coalfield .	76.00 m.t.

Meghalaya State : 0.32 m. t.